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THE Children's Annual Floral Service, in connection with Mountpottinger Church, was held on Sunday afternoon, 19th June, at four o'clock. The Church was richly and chastely adorned with evergreens and flowers—the centre vase on the Communion Table being an especially beautiful arrangement of large white daisies (marguerites) and pink roses with ferns. With good taste the children sang the hymns, "Lilies in the Valley;" "Scatter Kind Words;" "Higher, Deeper, Onward;" and "The Great By-and-Bye;" and the Rev. J. J. Wright, who conducted the Service, delivered a suitable address, based upon the words, "And the child grew." This was said to be the largest gathering of children, parents, and visitors our Mountpottinger friends have ever had, the church being crowded in every part. A collection was taken up on behalf of the children's Summer Trip, and the flowers were then distributed among the children.

Our readers will learn with regret that the Rev. J. C. Street, in consequence of his continued illness, has been obliged to desist from work for some weeks past. He has been staying at Matlock since early in June; and during his absence his pulpit was supplied by the Rev. John McCaw, of Killinchy, the Rev. J. A. Kelly, of Rademon, and the Rev. F. Thomas, of Cairncastle. In a recent letter, Mr. Street states that his health is somewhat improved, and that he hopes to take part in the Floral Service to be held in Second Rosemary Street Church, on Sunday, July 3rd.

We reprint from *The Christian Life* and *The Unitarian Herald* two communications, written by visitors from England at our recent Jubilee meetings, which, we are sure, will interest our readers.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK IN BELFAST.

As the Sunday-school is now looked upon—or should be if it is not—as one of the chief duties of every Christian community, it may be of interest to the readers of *The Christian Life* if I give in

its columns a few notes made during a recent visit to some of the Sunday-schools in connection with the Unitarian body in Belfast. The first school visited was that of the Second Congregation in Rosemary Street; and it was gratifying to find that this school, though not a large one, there being about forty scholars and teachers present, was well conducted, the quietness and attention being very noticeable to one who, belonging to a much larger school, is not always satisfied with the conduct of its children. It could be seen at once that the children were the sons and daughters of members of the congregation, the superintendent setting the good example of bringing the whole of his family, although living at a considerable distance from the school; but one could not help regretting that there were not double, nay, treble the number present, and that no school was held in the afternoon, for there are two large and spacious rooms opening one into the other, well lighted, comfortable seats, and floors covered with matting; with a library for the young folks, books for use in teaching, and a piano for help in the singing, and above all—though last in being enumerated here, certainly not the least—was to see the minister of the congregation taking an active part in the morning's work.

The next visit made was to the meeting-house of the First Congregation, in Rosemary Street, (to a stranger this is a novelty, to see two chapels in the one yard, one standing before the other,) where the school is held but once a day; and as there is no school-house attached, it is necessary to do the teaching in the vestry and in the chapel; one did not see so much of the working of this school, as there was but one class in the chapel, and that a small one, while in the vestry the minister was conducting another class, probably a large one, but as the door was shut one did not like to intrude; still the visit was worth making, for it revealed the fact that here, too, the pastor of the church was taking his share of the work which is so essential to every church. It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant, when in both of these congregations the way may be found by which



the Sunday-school may be enabled to meet twice a day.

In the afternoon a long car drive through a labyrinth of streets in a thickly populated neighbourhood, took me to the Hopeton-street Mission Sunday-school; on alighting, one had to pass along a narrow passage into the school-room, which is built at the rear of the houses; the room is well lighted from above, but the walls looked somewhat dingy; and some of the mottoes on the walls rather dilapidated; this is not noted in an unkindly spirit, but with the hope that the friends of the Mission will, if the funds permit, endeavour to make the room look as bright and beautiful as they can, for a noble work is being carried on in this school, and many difficulties have to be surmounted by the zealous and devoted band of teachers. On entering the room, the good order and general conduct of the children was at once observable, and the more so, as fully one half of those present evidently belonged to the poorest class—in many cases being bare-footed and ragged, with the hair rough and untidy, but one forgot all this when they thought of the good seed that was being sown in their hearts, for the chief text-book seemed to be the New Testament. As far as one could tell there were between eighty and ninety scholars, and ten teachers present, and as I was leaving, others were still coming in. It was indeed a touching sight to see the work done here, and one's only regret was, that there were not more to be found to help in this cause, for the school meets twice-a-day, and some of the teachers come long distances. At my request two hymns were sung, and it was most gratifying to hear how heartily, and with what earnestness this was done. As one came away, one felt that what had been seen and heard would be remembered for many a long day, for one could see that the work was being done in the spirit of him who said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The next and last visit paid was to the school connected with the Domestic Mission in Stanhope street, and on arriving here I found that the services had just concluded, and some of the scholars had left, but there were still eighty or ninety present. And here again was to be seen order and discipline. The scholars were fairly well clothed, and no bare feet were to be seen as in the school we had just left. One thing was

especially gratifying, namely, the elder classes, which consisted of young men and women, some of whom were twenty or twenty-two years of age, speaking well for the future prosperity of the school, for here should be found a good recruiting ground for the ranks of the teachers. Here, too, one was able to join in a song of praise, the hymn chosen being "Nearer to Thee." This room would be all the better for a thorough overhaul, but being used as a day-school as well, that may account for its rather dingy appearance. On the other hand it is well lighted, and appeared to be well supplied with teaching requisites. Here, as at Hopeton Street, there is a Band of Hope in connection with the school, as there ought to be in every school; for surely it is part of the duty of the members of every section of the Christian Church to fight against the evils of intemperance, which are doing so much injury in all directions.

Although not able to visit Mountpottinger School, I was glad to learn that here too a good and useful work is being done, and that the school is in a flourishing condition; and one must add that in this instance the school has grown into a Church, showing that the Sunday-school forms an excellent starting-point in that direction, for it must not be lost sight of, that the children of to-day are the men and women of the future; therefore we must never relax our efforts in the cause of Sunday-school education.

I was also able to pay a week evening visit to the meeting-house at Moneyrea, seven miles from Belfast, and was glad to learn that here again the work of the Sunday-school is being carried on well, having just recommenced after the vacation, it not being practicable for the school to meet in the winter, many of the children having to come from a long distance. There is a school-house here capable of holding 90 or 100 children; and doubtless, if more room was wanted, the adjoining meeting house could be made use of. In conclusion, let me express the hope that the members of our Churches in the United Kingdom will see to it, that the work of the Sunday-school shall not be hindered either for lack of help to carry it out, or for want of funds to help it on, for it is a work in which all can assist.—FREDERICK ALLEN.—(Copied from *The Christian Life*.)



## A VISIT TO THE SECOND CONGREGATION, BELFAST.

MR. THOMAS BRITAIN sends us an account of his recent visit to Ireland, in which he says : I arrived in time to be present at the religious services on Sunday, May 1st. At the termination of the usual morning service, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. J. C. Street. The manner of conducting the service was different from what I had ever seen before. Narrow tables were placed along the five long aisles of the church, and these were covered with clean table covers. There was not anything upon the tables, but they were used to place the wine and bread upon, when required by the elders of the church, during the service. The service began with a solemn and impressive address from the minister, who stood in front of a communion table placed under the pulpit. On each side of him stood two elderly gentlemen of the congregation, who assisted in the distribution of the bread and wine. As these were presented to the worshippers, the words, "in memory of Christ," were repeated to each communicant. At this service were collected a considerable proportion of the congregation, to the number of two hundred, I believe. The sight of so many gathered together to celebrate the communion, and the manner in which it was conducted made an impression upon me never to be forgotten. I will not attempt to add to your general account of the Jubilee, but I may be allowed to express the great pleasure I had in witnessing the truly Christian fellowship which exists in Mr. Street's congregation. As I said when there, the union which exists among them is rather that of a family than of a church. Allow me, in conclusion, just to say that so far as I could learn, the unhappy division between the first and second congregation is caused by the fact that the second congregation have amongst the books for sale in their Depository Theodore Parker's works. It is sad, very sad, that so unfriendly a spirit should exist, for it tends to weaken a cause which both congregations have in common.—(Copied from *The Unitarian Herald*.)

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## SELECTIONS.

Oh, sometimes gleams upon our sight,  
Through present wrong, the eternal right ;  
And step by step since time began,  
We see the steady gain of man :

That all of good the past hath had  
Remains to make our own time glad,  
Our common, daily life divine,  
And every land a Palestine.

Through the harsh noises of our day,  
A low, sweet prelude finds its way ;  
Through clouds of doubt and creeds of fear,  
A light is breaking, calm and clear.

Henceforth my heart shall sigh no more  
For olden time and holier shore ;  
God's love and blessing, then and there,  
Are now and here and everywhere.—WHITTIER.

I was sitting in a boat, in company with some persons of distinction, when a vessel near us sank, and two brothers fell into deep water. One of the company promised a mariner a hundred dinars if he would save both the brothers. The mariner came and saved one, and the other perished. I said, "Of a truth, the other had no longer to live, and therefore he was taken out of the water last." The mariner promptly replied, "What you say is true ; but I had also another motive for saving this, in preference to the other ; because once, when I was tired in the desert, he mounted me on a camel, and from the hand of the other I received a whipping in my childhood." I replied "Truly the great God is just, so that whosoever doeth good shall himself experience good, and he who committeth evil shall suffer evil. As far as you can avoid it, distress not the mind of any one, for in the path of life there are many thorns. Assist the exigencies of others, since you also stand in need of many things."

SAADI ALSHIRARI.

## "LIKE ME."

What would happen, do you suppose,  
If the mignonette should say to the rose—  
"The pride of roses I hate to see :  
Why don't you keep near the ground like me."  
What if the rose should say to the phlox :  
"My form and colour are Orthodox—  
To please your Maker, you've got to be  
Precisely in all respects like me."  
What if a grape should say to a pear :  
"Why are you flaunting about up there ?—  
Beware of swinging alone and free,  
You ought to cling to a trellis like me."  
What if a swan should say to a crow :  
"You belong to the race of so-and-so ;—  
Its a deadly sin for you to be free'  
Your only hope is in serving me."  
What if a goose should teach a wren,  
Or an eagle try to follow a hen !  
What if the monkeys should all agree  
That there ought to be uniformity !



What if a man should say to another :

"Differ from me and you're not my brother ;  
I have the truth, as the oracles tell :  
Go with me, or you'll go to hell."

MRS. F. M. BUTTS.

A HIGHLAND Sunday School boy was asked by the superintendent if his father was a Christian. "Yes sir," he replied, "but he is not working at it much."

Here comes Parker, the Orson of parsons, a man  
Whom the Church undertook to put under her ban—  
(The Church of Socinus, I mean)—his opinions  
Being So—(ultra)—cinian, they shocked the Socinians ;  
They believed—faith I'm puzzled—I think I may  
call

Their belief a believing in nothing at all,  
Or something of that sort ; I know they all went  
For a general union of total dissent :  
He went a step farther ; without cough or hem,  
He frankly avowed he believed not in them ;  
And before he could be jumbled up or prevented,  
From their orthodox kind of dissent he dissented.  
There was heresy here, you perceive, for the right  
Of privately judging means simply that light  
Has been granted to *me*, for deciding on *you*,  
And in happier times, before Atheism grew,  
The deed contained clauses for cooking you, too.  
Now at Xerxes and Knut we all laugh, yet our foot  
With the same wave is wet that mocked Xerxes and  
Knut ;

And we all entertain a sincere private notion,  
That our *Thus far !* will have a great weight with the  
ocean.

'Twas so with our liberal Christians ; they bore  
With sincerest Conviction their chairs to the shore :  
They brandished their worn theological birches,  
Bade natural progress keep out of the Churches,  
And expected the lines they had drawn to prevail  
With the fast-rising tide to keep out of their pale ;  
They had formerly dammed the Pontifical See  
And the same thing, they thought would do nicely for  
P. ;

But he turned up his nose at their mumming and  
shamming,  
And cared (shall I say ?) not a d — for their damming  
So they first read him out of the church, and next  
minute

Turned round and declared he had never been in it.  
But the ban was too small or the man was too big  
For he recked not their bells, books, and candles a fig.

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brother acts unjustly, do not lay hold of the act by  
that handle wherein he acts unjustly, for this is the  
handle which cannot be borne ; but lay hold of the  
other, that he is your brother, that he was hurtured  
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